Government have constituted State Level Inter-Institutional Committes to render assistance to sick units in a coordinated manner. Measures for facilitating the growth and updating technology of small scale industries, extension of institutional network for providing necessary back-up support, consolidation and improvement of work and facilities, setting up of process and product development centres and field testing centres have been taken up.

Installation of big power plant in West Bengal

*15. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of USSR have agreed to help in the installation of a big power plant for generation of electricity in West Bengal ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Chief Minister of West Bengal has requested the Central Government for approval of the said proposal from the USSR Government; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) M/s. Technopromexport of USSR have evinced interest in setting up Thermal Station of 3 x 210 MW at Bakreswar in West Bengal.

(b) The Chief Minister of West Bengal has requested consideration of the proposal alongwith another offer.

(c) The matter can be considered on receipt of a formal, detailed proposal.

Telephone connections on forged sanction letters

*16. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER :
SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of telephones have been installed in Delhi on forged sanction letters bearing fictitious official signatures ;

(b) if so, how many such telephones have been installed and extensions given during the last three years;

(c) whether any member of the staff of the Department is involved in the issue of such forged letters; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the affirmative what action has been taken against the erring staff ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) On a check made by Department of Telecommunications, it has come to light that some telephone connections were installed or extended on the basis of alleged irregular sanctions received in offices of Delhi Telephones.

(b) to (d) The matter is under investigation and full details are not yet available.

निर्वाचन संबंधी सुधार

*17. श्री लालकृष्ण आडवाणी :
श्री शंकर सिंह बाघेला :

क्या विधि और न्याय मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने 5 मई, 1985 को संसद् में रखे गये निर्वाचन आयोग

के दूसरे प्रतिवेदन में निर्वाचन संबंधी सुधारों के बारे में अन्तर्विष्ट सिफारिशों पर विचार किया है, यदि हां, तो इनमें से प्रत्येक सिफारिश के संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ; और

(ख) क्या सरकार निर्वाचन संबंधी सुधारों को पूरा करने का विचार रखती है और यदि हां, तो क्या वह इस वर्ष के अन्त तक इन सुधारों को कार्यान्वित कर देने का विचार रखती है ?

विधि और न्याय मंत्री (श्री अशोक कुमार सेन) : (क) और (ख) ,निर्वाचन सुधारों पर आयोग द्वारा भेजे गये प्रस्ताव जिनमें द्वितीय वार्षिक रिपोर्ट में अन्तर्विष्ट प्रस्ताव भी हैं, अभी मंत्रालय के विचाराधीन हैं । निर्वाचन सुधार संबंधी प्रस्तावों को यथासंभव शीघ्र कार्यान्वित करने का सरकार का प्रयास रहा है ; फिर भी इसे संपन्न करने के लिये कोई निश्चित समय सीमा बताना साध्य नहीं है क्योंकि प्रस्तावों पर न केवल सावधानी पूर्वक विचार किया जाना अपेक्षित है, अपितु राजनैतिक दलों, आदि से विचार-विमर्श भी करना होगा ।

Appointment of Gas distributors

*18. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that appointment of Gas distributors and agents for diesel and petrol pumps in the country have been made during the year 1984 and during the current year; and

(b) if so, what is the number of those among them who are Harijans and who belong to minority communities and backward classes in each State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the existing guidelines, the following reservations for different categories have been stipulated for dealership appointments:

Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes (SC/ST) . .	25%
Unemployed Graduates/ Unemployed Engineering Graduates (UG/UEG) .	25%
Defence Category . .	7½%
Physically Handicapped (PH)	7½%
Freedom Fighters (FF) .	5%
Others (D) . . .	30%

Apart from the above, there is no separate reservation for Harijans, minority communities and backward classes. As such no statistics on these are being maintained.

Overcharging of Anti-TB and other Drugs

*19. SHRI MIRZA IRSHAD BAIG :
DR. JOSEPH LEON D'SOUZA :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that certain companies have been found overcharging the prices as well as marketing without price approvals certain essential medicines required by the public, including Anti-TB, Antiseptic and analgesic medicines during the last three years;

(b) if so, the names of such companies along with the names o products being sold without price approvals;

(c) since when it is within the notice of Government and whether action under Essential Commodities Act has been taken against them and